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SUBJECT: MESSAGE FROM RABBI KAHANE
REF: TEL AVIV 2530

1. DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDS EMBASSY INFORM KAHANE THAT AMBASSADOR IS NOT IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE BUT EMBOFF WOULD BE PREPARED TO RECEIVE HIM AT KAHANE'S CONVENIENCE AT EMBASSY. IF KAHANE REFUSES TO COME TO EMBASSY, MIDDLE OR JUNIOR LEVEL EMBOFF MAY AGREE TO MEET HIM ELSEWHERE.

2. WHILE AT THIS TIME KAHANE MAY NOT BE IN IMMEDIATE MOMENT-TO-MOMENT CONTROL OVER YOUTHFUL JDL LEADERSHIP IN NEW YORK, WE RECOGNIZE THAT HE EXERTS CONSIDERABLE INFLUENCE OVER THEM. WE ARE SKEPTICAL HE WOULD BE WILLING

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TO MAKE ANY CONSTRUCTIVE CONTRIBUTION TO SITUATION IN NEW YORK, BUT BELIEVE EMBASSY SHOULD NOT DECLINE TO HEAR WHAT HE HAS TO SAY. ON THE OTHER HAND, WE SHOULD NOT ALLOW KAHANE TO EXPLOIT SITUATION FOR PUBLICITY FOR HIMSELF AND JDL AS HE WILL SURELY TRY TO DO AFTER MEETING. (WORKING LEVEL EUR/SOV OFFICER MET WITH JDL IN NEW YORK AT DEPTOFF REQUEST MARCH 11, AND JDL INFORMED PRESS IMMEDIATELY AFTER MEETING.)

3. IF AND WHEN MEETING WITH KAHANE OCCURS, EMBOFF SHOULD ONLY LISTEN TO WHAT KAHANE HAS TO SAY AND MAKE NO COMMENTS. FYI, DEPARTMENT WILL CONSIDER POSSIBLE UTILITY OF DIALOGUE WITH KAHANE AFTER RECEIVING EMBASSY REPORT.

4. AFTER MEETING EMBASSY SHOULD RESPOND TO INEVITABLE PRESS INQUIRIES BY CONFIRMING THAT EMBOFF DID MEET WITH KAHANE AT KAHANE'S REQUEST, AND EMBASSY AGREED TO MEET WITH HIM AS DEPARTMENT IS PURSUING EVERY POSSIBILITY IN ITS EFFORT TO MAINTAIN SECURITY FOR SOVIET DIPLOMATS IN U.S. SISCO